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### AFTER THE STORM.

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Washington, May 2.—Jacob S. Coxey, chief of the commonwealth army, is under arrest. The trial of Carl Browne, Christopher Columbus Jones and Coxey has been postponed until Friday before Judge Miller, of the police court. The charge will be violation of the United States statutes. The arrest of Coxey was made today by the police court, on information filed against him last night of unlawfully displaying a banner.

There was a crowd of curious people surrounding the district court in expectation of the trial of Browne and Jones. Only persons who could give some good reason for their presence were admitted to the court room.

Persons, the earliest arrivals, were Coxey, Browne and Jones. They were soon joined by four popular members of Congress, (Late Pence, of Colorado; William Baker, Halder E. Ben, W. H. Kempf and Adjutant-General Tarsney of Colorado, who offered their services as counsel for Coxey.

Browne was attired in his spectacular buckskin suit and the party engaged in consultation until Judge Miller arrived. The central committee of the People's party, and Dr. T. Bland, the Washington third party man.

Willingly Submits. Attorney-General Maloney, a smooth-faced blonde-haired young man, appeared as prosecutor of the Coxeyites and announced:

"I have been informed that a man named Jacob S. Coxey is in court, and after an investigation last night, I have thought it best to bring you this information against him. If he is willing to submit I do not care to have him served, but if he is not, I will have him arrested."

This was a surprise, and Coxey spoke up: "I'm here and ready."

Then he stepped forward to the bar and asked the court to allow him to be tried by jury and the hearing of the case was set for Friday morning. When the question of bail came up one of the attorneys for the accused said:

"It is a moral certainty that these gentlemen would remain here ten years for trial."

"We want legal certainty," replied Judge Miller and he fixed the amount of bond in each case at \$500. Marillo Tucker, a feminine attorney of this city, came forward to offer bail for Coxey, but the assistant District Attorney Maloney reminded her of a provision of law which forbids attorneys from signing bail bonds. Subsequently, Francis H. Bland, of Washington, signed the bond for Coxey and Jones.

Certain He Is Innocent. Coxey was seen in his room at the National hotel, where he was being held by the police. Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor, was at the hotel, and had a talk with Mr. Coxey, which talk the latter did not repeat.

The Federation of Labor endorsed our bills some months ago," he said. In discussing his arrest, the chief of the commonwealth army said:

"I am certain I have not been guilty of law-breaking. I saw Vice-President Stevenson at 9 o'clock a. m., and he said he had no objection to my coming along laying aside the resolution forbidding speech-making on the capitol grounds. The law is unconstitutional, and I want to test it. I walked peacefully to the capitol steps, bearing no banner or device which the law forbids. I demanded of the police the exercise of my right. When they refused, I turned and made my way from the grounds. If there was lawlessness in my action I fear to see it. I did not know whether the vice-president had concluded to let me speak, or if he wished to test the law."

Marsh Brown walked over the grounds, contrary to law, but he did not demand the mounted police were trying to ride him down."

Mc Coy persists in his determination to remain in Washington.

When Congress sees all of the unemployed men of the country here, they can not refuse to legislate for them," he said.

Property of the People. Coxey took some pains to give out for publication a copy of the speech he would have delivered but for the interference of the police. In the speech he takes the ground that the capitol property is the property of the people and a fitting place to mourn over their dead liberty. Upon these steps carpets have been spread for royalty, and lobbyists of trusts and corporations have passed unchallenged over their way to the capitol.

The people were there today to remind Congress of its promise to return its property when the Sherman act should be repealed and to petition legislation that will give employment to every man willing to work, and to bring universal prosperity. He protested against the necessary act of usurpation and tyranny in denying the right of petition and assembly.

Affairs at the camp of the army of the commonwealth were in a quiet state today. There were no disorders or demonstration of any kind requiring the presence of the large force of regular and special policemen stationed at and about the camp. The commonwealthers have apparently settled themselves down to a temporary period of comparative inactivity. Some attempt is being made to improve the appearance of the camp, and many members of the army were engaged in piling up bricks and otherwise putting things in shape. For the purpose of shielding the camp from the police on the day and the dew of night, rude can-

vas coverings have been stretched from the fence inward. They will prove very inadequate, however, to keep out rain.

General Coxey was a visitor, during the day, but after noon and Oklahoma Sam was given charge. Marshal Browne was an early visitor and took breakfast with his associates in the army. He remained but a brief time, and departed early to attend his trial in the police court. Quite a large crowd gathered at the camping ground of the commonwealth army, and the question of finance. Coxey intends to continue speaking every evening until his bills are passed. The camp has been thoroughly cleaned during the day, and a large portion of the lot covered with clean straw. A large tent was set up late this afternoon in the center of the camp and will add much to the comfort of the Coxeyites.

Bell Comes Forward. Washington, May 2.—Representative Bell (Populist), of Colorado, today introduced a joint resolution to provide for the appointment of a joint congressional committee, "to devise means for the employment of the idle men of the country, restrict immigration, and prohibit the issuing of interest-bearing bonds without the authority of Congress, and for other purposes."

Walked Through the Grounds. Washington, May 2.—Several members of Coxey's army walked through the White House grounds today. Two of them expressed a desire to enter the grounds, but they were induced to abandon their plan by a couple of detectives in citizens' dress. There was no disturbance of any kind and the president held his usual afternoon reception without incident.

The Camp Condemned. Washington, May 2.—Health Officer Marill has made a report to the district commissioners, condemning the lot on which Coxey's army is encamped as a place likely to breed disease. The lot is a piece of ground, and is to be removed to a place provided with shelter, and suggests the Ivy City race grounds as a suitable place.

COXEY IS NO GENERAL. Des Moines, Iowa, May 2.—Kelly's industrial men played ball today with Des Moines Stars. Kelly at the first base was a fair player. The gate receipts will be turned over to the industrialists.

Kelly said today that Carl Browne was an ass and Coxey showed no generalship. The Great Western's offer to carry the men to Vanport for \$2 was refused. The labor organization's refusal is another evidence that the railroads have combined against Kelly.

General Workman Sovereign of the Knights of Labor said today that he had highly important information, but refused to reveal its nature. He was rumored that President Debs, of the A. R. U., would be in Des Moines soon.

The base ball game, between Kelly's army men and the Des Moines Stars, this afternoon terminated in the latter's favor, with a score of 6 to 3.

"Clifford" was behind the bat for the industrialists, with "Hirallous" as first base. "Cody" Johnson was at second; "Bill" Hoyt at third; "Locomotive" Sweeney in right field; "Broad-brimmed" Bailey in the center field; and "McGraw" in left field, and "Sawed Off" Grayson as shortstop. The Kelly men put a good game and the spectators enjoyed the sport hugely.

Kelly in a Bad Boat. The Outlook has a decidedly Cerebral Tinge.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 2.—The outlook for Kelly's army was decidedly unpromising tonight and the industrialists were anything but good humor. All hope of success was practically abandoned by the local committee, their petitions having been refused for stock cars and cut rates.

Offers of from \$40 to \$50 a car were made to the various leaders, but they firmly refused. In addition to the prospect of a march to Chicago, the army is threatened with an empty larder. The citizens committee met with small result and the industrialists generally expressed tonight that the city would not furnish sufficient provisions for another day. The industrialists will move to leave the city on Friday, or starve, and much uneasiness was felt over the probability of the army breaking up in Des Moines.

Kelly reassured that he would never walk out, and his men were equally determined. Many of them left camp and are begging for food tonight.

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